

Protective Order Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
March 23, 2001

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis on Friday, March 23, 2001 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Tammy Baitz, George Brown, Christina Miller, Sarah Taylor, and John W. Forcum, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Others present. Senior Judge Ruth Reichard attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee meetings on February 23, 2001 were approved.
5. Recent legislation.
 - a. Mr. Bercovitz distributed a copy of HB 1874, which provides for enforcement of protective orders from Indian tribes, grants immunity to law enforcement officer enforcing a foreign protective order in good faith, and makes other changes to Indiana's protective order statutes. Sarah Taylor agreed to bring to the attention of Senator Clark: the language about the nonconfidential form; consider a petition form prescribed by the Division of State Court Administration; insert an interim study committee on this topic back into the committee; Marion County Small Claims Court and protective order jurisdiction since it is not a court of record; remove the registration procedures since federal Full Faith and Credit legislation does not conceive of this process.
 - b. Mr. Tom Jones distributed drafts of two new forms: a "detachable nonconfidential form" and "registration for foreign order form." The committee recommended revisions.
6. STOP grant. Judge Reichard distributed drafts of responses to questions for a STOP grant application, from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, to develop a Model Protective Order statute and commentary for Indiana. She handed out a timeline as well. Mr. Bercovitz reported the Judicial Center would apply for the grant and use this committee to advise in the Model Code development.
7. Next meeting dates.

Committee members agreed meet at the following times: Friday, June 29, 2001, 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, July 27, 2001, 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, August 24, 2001, 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in conjunction with the Judicial Conference, Friday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a public hearing and meeting, Friday, November 30, 2001 from 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday Jan. 23, and Wednesday, February 27, 2001

from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in order to meet with legislators; and Friday, March 22, 2002
from 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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